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MINUTES OF A MEETING ON DELAYS IN PLANNING AND DESIGNING FOR THE BRANDENBURG STEEL AND
ROLLING MILL (7 pp; German/English; [redacted])

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Comment: According to the minutes of the meeting, an unspecified amount of West marks was remitted to the AEG (German General Electric Company) Plant. The sum was probably sent in payment for the AEG electric driving motors which are required for the completion of the 1,050 mm rolling train in the Steel Works in Brandenburg.

The document consists of the following:

1. A brief typewritten summary, in English, of the attached document.
2. Minutes of a 2 October 1951 meeting dealing with delays encountered in the planning and designing of the Brandenburg Steel and Rolling Mill (Stahl-und Walzwerk ~~Brandenburg~~ Brandenburg). The minutes were prepared by Department Manager Kuehnau of the HV (Main Administration) for the Building Industry.

The following participated in the meeting:

Jung, from the Central Construction Office for Metallurgy
Lau and Doerhofer, from the HV for Metallurgy
Kuehnau and Schunack, from the HV for the Building Industry
Wassermann, from the Brandenburg Steel and Rolling Mill
Hirsch, Frank, and Schreinert, from the Industrial Designing Agency, Berlin,
and Kuehn, from the Brandenburg Bau-Union (Construction Union).

(The positions held by these persons in ~~their~~ their respective agencies or enterprises are not indicated.)

The Meeting was called on the basis of ~~of~~ a report prepared by the HV for Metallurgy which said that, because of a backlog in designing work, the legally required documents for construction work at the Brandenburg Steel and Rolling Mill were not available and that, therefore, the German Investment Bank did not intend to furnish any more money for the project; in other words, continuous work on the construction project was not assured.

The minutes then go on to list the backlog of work which must be ~~eliminated~~ ^{eliminated} and the measures instituted to achieve that end. The work backlog and the measures to be instituted to ~~eliminate~~ ^{eliminate} the backlog are listed under the following main headings:

1. Performance schedules
2. Technological reports on the hot bed (Warmbett), the cold bed (Kaltbett), the transformer station(5), the gas transfer station, etc.
3. Advance designing work for 1952 on the wire-rolling mill, the gravity discharge furnaces, the light installations, the large radio-transmitter boosting station, etc.
4. Determination of the planning and designing work for 1952.
5. Completion of the building blueprints for 1951 for the rolling-mill hall, the core and roller foundations, the transformer station (I), etc.

(Many of the comments on the units discussed are rather cryptic and presuppose full familiarity with the subject under discussion.)

The item referred to in the field comment is entitled "Illgner foundation for the 1050 rolling mill." It is stated in the minutes that the "West currency" required was sent to AEG a few days before 2 October 1951.

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Foreign language document or microfilm of it (C-12850) is available from CIA Library, [redacted]

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